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FOR : DNA ENCODING APOPTOSIS-INDUCED EUKARYOTIC
INITIATION FACTOR-5A AND DEOXYHYPUSINE
SYNTHASE AND A METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
APOPTOSIS IN ANIMALS AND HUMANS
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

MADAME:

This is in response to the office action sent on November 6, 2002. Accordingly, a response is due on or before May 6, 2002 with the payment of a fee for three months extension.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for inhibiting or delaying apoptosis in a cell, comprising administering to said cell an agent that is capable of inhibiting an apoptosis-induced DHS catalyzed chemical reaction, wherein said inhibiting apoptosis-induced DHS catalyzed chemical reaction reduces levels of activated apoptosis-induced eIF-5A or inhibits activation of apoptosis-induced eIF-5A;